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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
July 24, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Absent: Redding

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2006 meeting with corrections.
Motion so passed.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mayor Paterson requested a motion to move item 4 to the next item on the agenda. The motion made by Mr. Haddad was seconded by Mr. Clouette and passed by all.

4. Proclamation Acknowledging the 30th Year of the Mansfield Wilderness Challenge.

Mayor Paterson read the proclamation and thanked Charles Leavens and Julie White for their work to make this program such a success. Mr. Leavens has been a leader of the challenge program since its inception 30 years ago.

Mr. Leavens and Ms. White described the program to the members of the Council noting that a total of 576 Mansfield children have participated in the wilderness challenges which consist of a 30 mile hike, canoeing and rock climbing. The program has affected the lives of each of these students, building confidence and the ability to work toward group and individual goals. Mr. Leavens presented a video depicting the challenge experience of last year. Ms. White thanked Mr. Leavens and his wife Pat for all the organizational and planning work that they continue to put into the program.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

The Quarterly Progress Report was included in the packet.

2. Fenton River

Ms. Koehn asked whether the town has a copy of the RFP mentioned in Consent Order. Mr. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, stated that the town has a copy and that he will be attending a preproposal meeting on July 25 representing the interest of the town. Ms. Koehn mentioned that on Wednesday the Council on Environmental Quality would be discussing the issue.

3. Campus/Community Relations

Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, reported that staff is preparing to begin site visits to the off campus neighborhoods.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proclamation Acknowledging the 30th Year of the Mansfield Wilderness Challenge Program

Addressed above

5. Child and Adult Care Food Program for the Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded the following resolution: Resolved, effective July 24, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin Berliner, to submit the attached application to the Connecticut Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), to help fund the food service operation at the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to execute any related grant documents.

Motion so passed.

6. Open Space Acquisition – Meadowbrook Lane LLC Property on Puddin Lane

By consensus it was agreed that the next step would be to schedule a field trip for Council members.

7. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 760, CSEA- DPW

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective July 24, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 760- CSEA- Public Works, which agreement shall enter into effect on July 1, 2006 and expire on June 30, 2009.

Mr. Hart reported that the Local 760, CSEA-DPW has ratified the agreement. The terms of the agreement were discussed including a new short and long- term disability program, a 3.5% cost of living raise and changes in the health

insurance offerings. Mr. Hart commented that the agreement is very competitive with other municipal programs and superior to many in the private sector. Mr. Haddad, while in support of the ratified agreement, stated that the necessary changes in the Health insurance offering further indicate the need for a National Health Policy.

Motion so passed.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Members discussed the availability of opportunities for public input regarding the design guidelines being developed for the downtown project. Mr. Clouette noted that the Planning and Design Committee is in agreement with the need for public input and will schedule such opportunities. Mayor Paterson reported that she has assisted with the monthly open house for the Partnership and that these discussions with citizens have been very successful.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Mr. Clouette reported that the Committee on Committees has met and that the website for volunteer information is almost complete. Regarding the standardization of terms, Mr. Clouette commented that the Town Clerk is reviewing all the charges to determine whether or not there are statutory required terms of office.

Mr. Haddad, on behalf of the Personnel Committee urged members to submit their Manager evaluation as soon as possible.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Paulhus, in response to the "Needle" in the Chronicle regarding the establishment of a permanent committee to summarize information for and against referendum proposals, noted that no decision by the Council had been made. The Council is still gathering information. Mr. Hawkins commented that although there is a statute that enables municipalities to have such a committee that as far as we know there is no town that has created one.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Hart announced the rescheduled Tour de Mansfield is all set for Saturday July 29, 2006.
- Mr. Hart also alerted the Council that staff is in the process of developing educational material regarding the 3 potential referendum questions for the November ballot. The possible items for referendum are the Community Center expansion, the fossil fuel conversion of the Middle School and the acquisition of open space. Mr. Hart noted that the materials would make it clear that the Council has not approved these items for referendum. The opportunity to disseminate educational material is restricted to time prior to the Council setting the date for the vote. Ms. Koehn requested that the fossil fuel conversion effort be renamed.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

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- XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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8. Connecticut State Library re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant
 9. Mansfield Four Corners Sewer Facilities Study
 10. Press Release re: Tour de Mansfield

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session.
Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Haddad, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Also present: Peter Curry

Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session.
Motion so passed,

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion so passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk